

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I would like to add my voice to the legions of others who oppose removing the cap on mega mergers in the cable television industry. As a consumer of media programming I am moved because concentration of media means fewer sources for important information which I need to make choices and form opinions about the world around me. Reducing the diversity of media sources will reduce our nation to a group of drones who no longer think at all. It is important

for us to have diverse points of view presented.

As a teacher, I am teaching my students to use information to think and form opinions.

Removing the amount of viewpoints expressed reduces their lives and does not enhance it.

As an student of economics this flies in the face of market forces and competition. How

can there be any competition when the market is dominated by one company?

As a citizen of a democracy, I feel that the reduction of discourse weakens our democracy

and our spirit as a people. It is so important to have competition in our market

place and diverse views in the media to keep us live and vital. Please DO NOT remove

the cable ownership cap.